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Dr. M. W. Eklund 18727 35th Avenue, N.E. Seattle, Washington 98155

Dear Dr. Eklund:

I am writing you to ask if you have done any further work on relationships of bacteriophages to specificity and toxicity of Clostridium since your publications in the early 1970s. The most recent of which I have notice appeared in Applied Microbiology January 1974. I have returned to this question from time to time in admiration of the (problematical!) anticipation of such phenomena by Sanfelice in 1893. If you know of any further studies of your own, or others, since 1974 I would be grateful to you of notice to them.

You may be interested in the enclosed vignette about one element in the history of lysogenic conversion, namely in diptheria.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

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